

# December, 2011 – Diocese of Saskatoon Calendar of Prayer

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**WEEK OF DECEMBER 4th**

**2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent**

**In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:**

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Western Louisiana, Michigan, New York and Newfoundland.

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;  
the life and witness of Christ Church, Delisle and we pray for the members of the congregation with its closure on November 29, 2011;  
for all Christians in their preparations for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Heavenly Father, we pray that amid all the joys and festivities of this season we may not forget what Christmas really means: that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, who was born to be our Saviour.

Accept our thanksgiving, and fill us with the spirit of charity and goodwill, that we may show our gratitude in generous service to those who need our help. Amen.

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent**

**In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:**

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of North Carolina, West Africa, South Australia and Canterbury.

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;  
the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist as it seeks a new rector and dean;  
for the Men's and Women's fellowship groups, Community action groups, Bible Study groups and youth ministry in the diocese.

Heavenly Father, when we meet together in your name, may we come prepared in heart and mind to listen to what you have to say to us.

Help us, too, to listen to one another, so that we may help each other to grasp your will for us.  
Deepen and enrich our fellowship as members of your body;  
inspire us with a deep longing for your truth; and enable us to grow together in knowledge, in love, and in the joyous freedom of the sons of God; for your name's sake. Amen.

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**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF ADVENT**

**In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:**

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Wyoming, Sudan, Japan and Nigeria

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

the parishes of the Western Deanery: Battle River, Biggar, Lloydminster, Meridian, Parkland and Unity Central;

the life and witness of Bethany Good Shepherd, Porcupine Plain and we pray for the members of the congregation with its closure on December 5, 2011;

Heavenly Father, you fill the entire world with your presence; your name is to be hallowed through all the earth. Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people. Continue your mercies to your Church, that we may be conscious of your unchanging love as take leave of this place of worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE BIRTH OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY**

**In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:**

The bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of York, Tanzania, Yukon and South Africa.

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

for the Diocesan Officers and staff, regional deans and archdeacons.

Heavenly Father, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that you have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

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## Readings

### Readings – December, 2011

### Book of Alternative Services

#### December 4<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

#### December 11<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1: 6-8

#### December 18<sup>th</sup>

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

#### December 25<sup>th</sup> - The Birth of the Lord

2 Samuel 7 1-16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-29; Luke 1:67-79

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**The Diocesan Office did not receive Earthcare Connections Intentions for December at time of circulation of the prayer calendar.**